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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR :  
EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM :  
RFQ DOCUMENTS AND COMPRESSING:  
RFQ FILES INTO A COMMON RFQ FILE:  
TYPE :  
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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM RFQ DOCUMENTS AND COMPRESSING RFQ FILES INTO A COMMON RFQ FILE TYPE**, the specification of which was filed on February 13, 2001 and assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/782,620.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose

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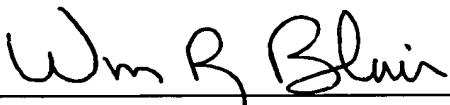
material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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